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- 1. IN MESSAGE FROM AGHA SHAHI TO THE SECRETARY (REFTEL), SHAHI PROMISED FORMAL LETTER REITERATING HIS POSITION ON VENUE OF CENTO MINISTERIW. MFA HAS CONSEQUENTLY ASKED US TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR TO THE SECRETARY.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. SECRETARY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF 7TH APRIL, 1978, THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS CONVEYED BY YOUR EMBASSY HERE.

IT WAS THOUGHTFUL OF YOU TO INFORM ME THAT, BECAUSE OF URGENT ENGAGEMENTS NECESSITATING YOUR TRAVEL ABROAD, YOU WOULD NOT BE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 19-20, THE DATES SET FOR THE 25TH MEETING OF THE CENTO MINISTERIAL COUNCIL.

SINCE WE GREATLY VALUE YOUR PRESENCE AT THIS MEETING, I HAVE READILY AGREED THAT ITS VENUE SHOULD BE SHIFTED TO LONDON, AS CONFIDENTIAL

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SUGGESTED BY YOU. YOUR EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD HAS ALREADY BEEN TOLD ABOUT THIS. AS SOON AS WE HEAR FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTO ABOUT THE CHANGE OF VENUE, WE SHALL CONVEY OUR FORMAL ASSENT TO HIM

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION TO DINNER ON THE 18TH WHICH I ACCEPT WITH GREAT PLEASURE. I LOOK FORWARD TO AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST ON THE

OCCASION.
WITH WARM REGARDS,
YOURS SINCERELY, AGHA SHAHI
HUMMEL

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